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Windsor Terrace Food Coop— All Set for Take Off

By Frank Haberle

On March 21, the Windsor Terrace Food Coop will officially swing its doors open to a community that has waited a long time for fresh produce and healthy food options. After a two-year search for an affordable storefront property, the new coop's leadership identified and secured a location at 825 Caton Avenue that is easily accessible for neighbors from both sides of Prospect Expressway and Fort Hamilton Avenue.

"It was always our intent to focus, first and foremost, on securing a property," reports Christine Petro, a longtime PSFC member and part of the WTFC leadership team. "Since we started two years ago, it has been a bit of a chicken-and-egg scenario—do we focus on providing food first, and start with something like a buying club? Or do we start by establishing a store first? We set our sights on getting the property, and building from there." Now, with the property secured and the lease signed, a new phase of work begins—reconfiguring the small space, carpentry work, outreach to food suppliers and getting the word out.

There is work to be done in the weeks ahead, but there is also growing excitement that WTFC is finally going to happen. Terry Moogan, a WTFC Board member and a PSFC member of over 30 years, says that "for the past 20



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Jeremiah Fox (left) and Jack O'Connell inside the yet to be renovated store.

years we haven't lived within easy walking distance and dreamed of having a nearby branch of the Coop. Now we will have a food coop nearby, and my fingers are crossed we can make it as good as the PSFC in every way but size!"

From 'Green Beans, Not Walgreens,' to a New Coop

WTFC is a healthy by-product of the "Green Beans Not Walgreens" campaign of two years ago that activated local community residents when their Key Food on Prospect Avenue was closed, cutting off a major source of fresh food in the neighborhood. The Key Food site was purchased by Walgreens, who sought to replace the grocery with a chain pharmacy. Community activists pressed Walgreens into adding a small grocery market. But from the outset,

many in the community saw an opportunity to develop their own fresh food alternatives.

Jack O'Connell, a Park Slope and Windsor Terrace community member since the 1970s who serves as the WTFC chairman, remembers how the idea took shape. "It was at the first community meeting we held about Walgreens, and there were 300 community members there, as well as (Assemblyman) James Brennan and (City Councilmember) Brad Lander. I remember that there was a lot of negative energy in the room—the entire argument was focused on not letting them sell Key Food. Then one person got up and said, 'Maybe we should start a food coop of our own!' It was the first positive idea I heard. At the next meeting we got up and asked anyone who would

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A Talk With the Agenda Committee



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By Ed Levy

Would you like the Coop to extend shopping hours till 2 a.m.? Ban the sale of pistachio nuts because you can't seem to stop eating them? Set up a juice bar near the cheese counter? Whatever it is, the first step to getting your wildest dreams made manifest is to first do the research. What happened the last time someone tried to ban pistachio nuts? You can also check with the Coop coordinators about why there is currently no juice bar (three guesses on that one). You can also chat your idea up with fellow members,

write a letter to the *Gazette*, ask shoppers for feedback. Finally, take your proposal to that gateway to the General Meeting—the Agenda Committee. They will diligently help you shape it so that it's succinct and cogent.

Recently, the *Gazette* spoke to the members of the Agenda Committee about its policies, practices and procedures.

LWG: *What was it like before the committee existed?*

AC: A long-time committee member says that the agenda used to be set at the beginning of the General Meeting, by the members

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Next General Meeting on Tuesday, February 24

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The February General Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. at Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School, 500 19th St., between 10th Ave. and Prospect Park West.

The agenda is in this *Gazette*, on the Coop website at www.foodcoop.com and available as a flier in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

Coop Event Highlights

Fri, Feb 6 • Film Night: *Occupy Love* 7:00 p.m.

Sat, Feb 7 • Valentine's Day Card-Making Party
2:00-5:00 p.m.

Tue, Feb 10 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:
Open Sesame 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Feb 13 • Wordsprouts:
Short Pieces for Long Nights 7:00 p.m.

Look for additional information about these and other events in this issue.

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be interested in exploring starting a coop to meet us in the back of the room. Five or six people joined us, and we got started."

The next step was outreach—first, reaching out to gain insight from people who had launched coops before; and secondly, finding people in the community who were interested in joining the coop. The WTFC committee reached out to Joe Holtz and Ann Herpel from PSFC as well

October, with food from Brooklyn Commune and the Juice Box and local musicians performing, energized the community, building further excitement about a local coop.

At the same time, the search went on for an affordable storefront space. The group quickly learned about the challenges of the current real estate market. "We found out quickly that real estate in our community is really out of reach," Christine remembers. "We were open to starting out of someone's garage, if neces-

(owner of Juice Box) called. 'I just saw a 'for rent' sign on Caton Avenue. Can you come see it?' The property is \$1,500 a month and around 700 square feet. So it's smaller—more like a bodega than the Park Slope Food Coop—but it more than meets our needs."

Building A Local Membership

Next came a membership drive. "We needed to raise \$25,000 to secure the property," Jack remembers. "We asked for \$100 per member. Within three weeks we had 300 members signed on. Of these, 100 came from our original mailing list and 200 were new to us, signing on when they heard that we were set on a space." Final steps included engaging an architect to design a practical configuration of the space; bringing carpenters in to take out fixtures in the space (formerly a health spa) and complete renovations; and begin searching for different food providers. The WTFC committee is creating a community survey to determine what types of food to offer, with a focus on bringing in fresh produce and healthy products at affordable prices—the types of products that have been missing from the community since the Key Food closed.

Tom Matthews, a 20-year member of the PSFC and a *Gazette* reporter, says that "I've watched the PSFC grow and strengthen. To me, good food and low prices are great, but building a cooperative community is even better. Great leaders encourage people not only to join their cause, but to lead new ventures themselves. That's why, as



PHOTOS BY ROD MORRISON

A close-up of the Windsor Terrace Food Coop location.

a Windsor Terrace resident, I'm excited to become part of a new food cooperative dedicated to the same goals and values. The more PSFC-inspired food coops we can create, the bigger the community we can create and serve."

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And Jeremiah, who has been a PSFC member for over a decade, adds that "although I'm very excited about the opening of a food coop in Windsor Terrace, I can't imagine anything replacing the PSFC. Ninety-five percent of our groceries are purchased there. We've also lived in Windsor Terrace for nearly a decade and watched it grow from an amenities vacuum to the vibrant village vibe

of today. Even before the Key Food on 11th Avenue closed, there was nowhere in this area to get excellent produce and dry goods at reasonable prices. Living down here on the southwest side of the park, with two small children, makes PSFC trips a daunting challenge, and sometimes impossible, so having another coop nearby, however small, is a huge asset in terms of convenience for us.

"Additionally, as a PSFC member with a background in food, I've applied to at least one full time position there, as I've always had an interest in how food coops are established and run. So the opening of and participation in the WTFC has been good for my conscience as well as a strong show of solidarity in the community.

"It has been an honor and privilege," Jeremiah adds, "to be a part of both coops."

To learn more about the Windsor Terrace Food Coop visit www.windsorterracefoodcoop.com. ■



Jeremiah Fox and Jack O'Connell discuss the need for a ramp outside the store.

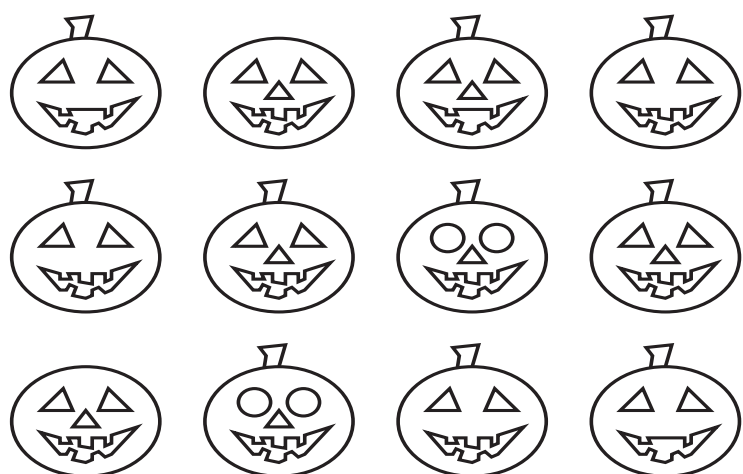
as leaders from other local coops—Greene Hill, Lefferts Gardens and Bay Ridge—all of whom, Jack and Christine agreed, offered helpful advice and guidance. Community outreach included posting flyers in the neighborhood and building an e-mail list based on electronic "word of mouth." News items in local blogs helped to build awareness. A street fair in

sary. Then we got lucky—we had real estate professionals involved who helped us identify this property, which is small but affordable, and really well located."

As Jack recalls, "the space came as a direct result of the street fair. Everywhere we had been looking, rents were \$4-5,000 a month, and we still had zero dollars in the bank. Then Jeremiah Fox

Similar

Which carved pumpkin does not look like any other?



Puzzle author: Lars Roe. For answers, see page 14.

WIN A BRAND NEW BIKE!

Purchase a \$5 raffle ticket in the Membership Office for a chance to win one of the bikes hanging above the express checkouts. Proceeds will be used to support start-up Coops using our member-labor model through the Fund for New Food Coops.

Raffle winners will be announced at the March 31 General Meeting.

GOOD LUCK!

Agenda

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present. This took up much of the time that should have been focused on the proposals and the discussion items and was inefficient.

LGW: How has the committee evolved since then?

AC: The most significant change is that at some point in the past decade, the General Meeting empowered us to require most proposals to be first introduced as discussion items before they can be submitted at a sub-

goal is to make the General Meetings more productive and engaging—while still adhering to democratic principles, which allow everyone a chance to be heard.

LGW: How much do you, can you, shape proposals that are not ready for prime time, in your estimation?

AC: We want both the submitters and the attendees to have a positive experience. We focus on providing guidance, as just described. In the end, though, the Coop's democratic principles pre-

AC: There are forms on the tables in the lobby at the General Meeting, on the bulletin board in the Coop lobby, and on the website, under Member Information/Agenda Committee. You can submit an agenda item in the Coop office. Members can also come to one of our Tuesday evening meetings [every first Tuesday of the month - editor] and present their written proposal in person. We ask proposers to provide both telephone and e-mail contact information

Board of Directors Election

The General Meeting & The Board of Directors

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the monthly General Meeting has been the decision-making body of the Coop. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors.

The Bylaws of the Park Slope Food Coop state: "The portion of the Board of Directors meeting that is devoted to receiving the advice of the members shall be known as the General Meeting.... The members who gather to give advice to the directors may choose to vote in order to express their support or opposition for any of the issues that have come before the meeting."

Duties of the Directors

The Board of Directors is comprised of five elected Coop members and the senior General Coordinator present. Members serve three-year terms. Members of the Board are expected to attend GMs monthly. They receive Coop work credit for their attendance.

The Board of Directors conducts votes at the end of every GM whether to accept the advice of the members that night. Members of the Board are required to act legally and responsibly.

Openings

There are two openings on the Board. Each position is for a term of three years.

Candidate Deadline

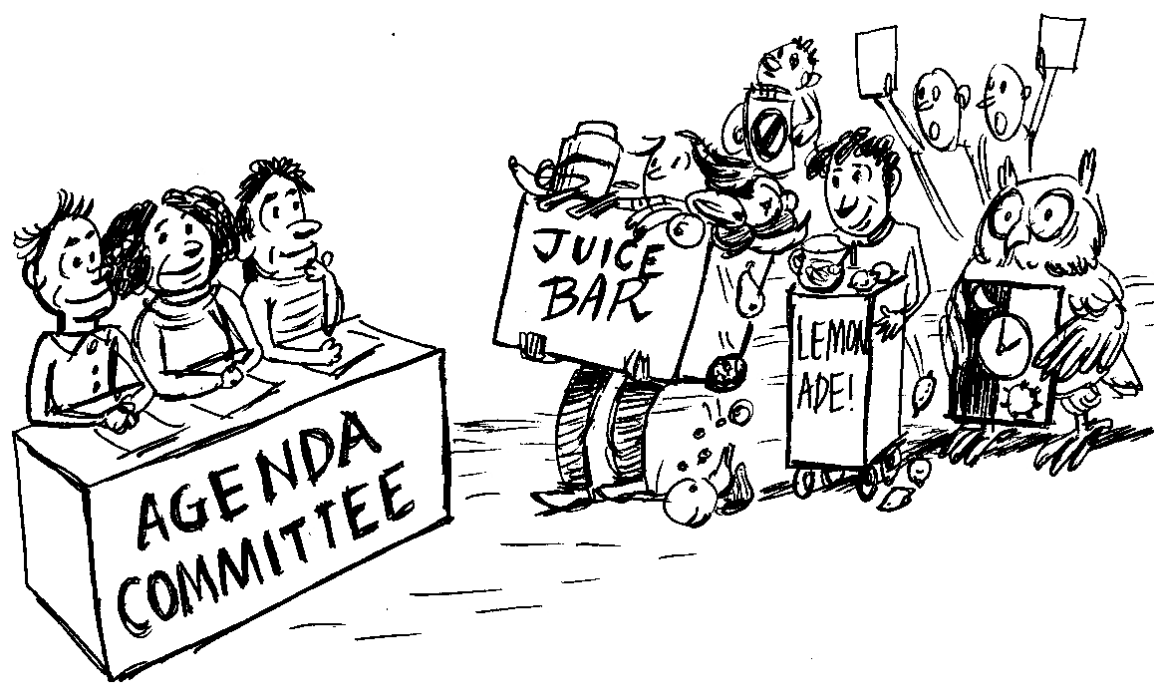
If you wish to place your name into nomination, you must declare your candidacy by submitting a statement of up to 750 words to: gazettesubmissions@psfc.coop. Please include a small photo for publication in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* and the member proxy mailing.

Deadline for candidacy submission is Sunday, March 1, 2015.

Deciding And Voting

Candidates will have the opportunity to present their platform at the March 31, 2015, General Meeting.

Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May. Members may vote by returning their ballot by mail or by bringing it to the Coop. Members may also vote at the Annual Meeting on June 30, 2015.



sequent meeting—I don't believe the original charter gave us this authority. Although this invites some redundancy, as items come before the General Meeting twice, it usually results in better proposals, which is an important improvement.

We also increasingly feel a need to add value to the items people bring to us, not only as a service to people making agenda submissions, but also out of our sense of obligation to respect the time of the members who attend the meetings—we want their experience to be as interesting and useful as possible. To that end, we have become more involved in helping people develop their submissions—when they are open to the assistance. For example, we try to work with proposers to eliminate or combine repetitious submissions and clarify and help folks better understand the history of the issue they are raising—that is, whether the General Meeting has dealt with the same proposal recently; if so, what was the outcome; what were some of the issues surrounding it, and so on. Our

vent us from compelling someone to take our advice.

LGW: A proposal regarding the Coop's retirement policy came to the floor at a meeting late last year. Not only had that come up before fairly recently, but it contained some language involving the Board of Directors in a way that was not in conformity with Coop bylaws. Why did the committee not feel empowered to let the author of that proposal know it just wasn't possible as written?

AC: It would be inappropriate to comment on any individual item or submitter. We try to provide value to submitters, but we cannot guarantee we cover every possible issue—that's one of the reasons it works well to require items to be discussion items first; that way, all aspects of the issue come out before the item appears for a vote. It is not unheard of for our staff to spend lots of time giving submitters guidance—but again, if a member submitting an item doesn't choose to follow our recommendations, we can't refuse to schedule that person.

LGW: How does one bring an idea for an agenda item to the committee?

so that we have a good chance of reaching them during our meeting—we often need to call to see if a person is available to present the item at a specific GM. If we can't reach them right away, we get that information later and have it on hand at our next meeting.

LGW: Is there a specific policy on repeats? That is, a proposal fails and someone brings it up again?

AC: There is no written rule, but we like to ensure that plenty of time passes before an item substantially similar to one already considered is brought to the floor. We also try to consolidate similar items—either by referring the proposers to each other or by scheduling the items for the same meeting.

LGW: How do you prioritize items within a specific General Meeting?

AC: We do our best to create productive meetings with the menu of submissions we have on hand. Among other things, we try to make sure a meeting won't be too technical—as that can be boring for those attending. Or too volatile—we would be reluctant,

for example, to schedule two unrelated but equally incendiary submissions for the same meeting.

LGW: The GM rules state that "this document can be amended by a simple majority vote at a regularly scheduled General Meeting of the PSFC, following discussion at a prior GM and publication in the Gazette." Speaking hypothetically, for the required discussion at the prior meeting to take place, does it first have to go through your committee to get on the agenda? If it did, would it be privileged by the agenda committee? Or could an item like this be brought up in the open forum?

AC: Yes, an amendment to the GM rules would have to be placed on the agenda. Whether or not we would privilege such an item over other submissions would

depend on the specifics.

LGW: What strictures does the committee operate under in terms of things that must happen within a certain time frame or at a particular meeting?

AC: Some items that are fixed for the same month every year. For example, the General Meeting voted to make us re-vote on boycotts every October—so any existing boycotts will be on that month's agenda. And June is the Annual Meeting. We also have to make space for committee elections throughout the year.

LGW: Anything you would like to add.

AC: Agenda Committee members care about the General Meeting, and we're open to suggestions on how we could make them more compelling. ■

Nationwide GMO Right to Know Update

By Alison Rose Levy

The Coop's GMO labeling committee was farsighted in giving Coop members the ability to know whether genetically modified organisms are in food products we buy—in advance of a nationwide grass roots movement to gain that right to know for everyone. But as the movement evolves, it becomes clearer that the fight for transparency about GMOs has implications for the integrity of organic standards.

Back in 2012, when food advocacy organizations polled consumers, they learned that 70% wanted to know whether or not the foods they purchased contained GMOs.

"It's simple. People want to know," says Lisa Stokke, a mother of four, who co-founded Food Democracy Now! (FDN) www.fooddemocracynow.org, a nationwide advocacy organization with a powerful on-line citizen action presence. Nevertheless, getting the "right to know" has been anything but simple.

Over the last three years, a coalition of organizations, including the Organic Consumers Association, the Center for Food Safety, Just Label It! and FDN have raised money for campaigns and worked closely with local advocates. Petitions signed by hundreds of thousands of citizen consumers have launched state-by-state ballot initiatives that propose mandatory labeling (of GMO ingredients).

There have been some hard won successes, including bills to label in Connecticut and Maine, (which are dependent on the passage of labeling initiatives in other states). In Spring 2014, the state of Vermont passed a standalone bill to label. In Hawaii, the island of Maui passed a moratorium on the planting of genetically modified crops. Yet despite massive voter turnout for labeling referendums in California (in 2012) and Washington (in 2013); and the 2014 election in Oregon and Colorado, several of the key referendums have been defeated by narrow margins—less than 1.5% in most cases, says Stokke. In the most recent 2014 vote in Oregon, the referendum (vote yes on 522) lost by a mere 857 votes (out of 1.5 million votes.)

If 70% of the public want GMO foods labeled, how to explain these close votes?

According to Stokke, Monsanto (the pesticide and agriculture company) and its allies invest millions of dol-

lars on advertising to defeat each measure. (Monsanto is the chemical company that patents and produces genetically modified seeds developed to more readily withstand heavy exposure to the company's agricultural pesticides. Roundup is the most widely used.)

"GMO manufacturers and their allies vastly outspent their opponents—by about \$20 million to \$8 million in Oregon, and \$16.7 million to \$900,000 in Colorado, according to figures reported in each state. On Maui, companies opposed to the moratorium were reported to have spent \$8 million, 87 times what advocates of the ban did," reports Ned Potter in the November 7, 2014 issue of *Forbes*.

Where did those dollars go?

"Monsanto and its allies (Coca Cola, Grocery Manufacturers Association, Pepsi Cola and Dupont) produce commercials, that are anywhere from misleading and deceptive to bold lies. Once they air, the 70% of people who said they want their foods labeled, become confused," says Stokke. In Oregon, Monsanto spent \$18 million in television commercials. "A television spot costs 1.2 million dollars, so there was no way we could counter these misleading ads," says Stokke.

Stokke was on the ground in both referendum states last year. "When I talked to people who believe in organics, good environmental stewardship, and farm to table, they were misled," she says. "The ads said that labeling would harm existing food regulations, and to illustrate that point, the ads would show the organic standards label and the non-GMO project label. So people thought, 'If I vote to label, I'm going to be hurting organic standards regulations.' Of course, that wasn't true."

The answer is for "people who care about organics to become better informed across the board about the brands they buy and the companies they support." So says Jim Gerritsen, a farmer who grows organic food at World

Prairie Farm in Bridgewater, Maine, and serves as President of the Maine-based Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association. According to Gerritsen, deliberate attempts to mislead the public are not confined to state votes on labeling.

"The grass roots want mandatory GMO labeling, but there is currently an effort to co-opt the phrase 'GMO labeling' and to substitute

mandatory GMO-labeling in exchange for the government's permission to label their products as non-GMO.

Behind the scenes negotiations are nothing new. In a December 19, 2013 article by Stephanie Strom, the *New York Times* obtained a leaked letter sent by the Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA) which urged the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to enact this very strategy:

labeling requirements with respect to bioengineered food."

Dubbed the "Deny Americans the Right-to-Know (DARK) Act," this bill is opposed by prominent organic citizens groups, like the OCA.

Since "giant corporations like General Mills, Smucker's, Kellogg, and WhiteWave have massive investments in organic pioneering brands, their lobbyists are all over the USDA making sure that



ILLUSTRATION BY LYNN BERNSTEIN

labeling organic foods as non-GMO," says Gerritsen. "It's not only being advocated by Monsanto, but by some big organic companies."

In a December 19, 2013 opinion piece in the *Los Angeles Times* former U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Dan Glickman proposes this:

"Though it may not satisfy all GMO-labeling advocates nor be welcomed by all leaders in the biotechnology industry, allowing a GMO-free organic label provides more choice in the marketplace and responds to the demands of millions of American consumers in a practical and common sense way."

This supposed compromise does nothing to label grocery store or "natural" brands that contain GMO ingredients. Since organic foods are already, by definition, GMO-free, any additional labeling of organics is superfluous (although it may be a good marketing ploy). Gerritsen is concerned that the biggest organic companies could be induced to drop the push for

"Consumers and the food industry would all benefit from uniform legal requirements and the consistent outcomes that result from federal regulations, rather than state-by-state dictates through court decisions or state or local legislation."

Ronnie Cummins, the head of the Organic Consumer Association (OCA) writes the "the industry wants the federal government to take away states' power to require GMO labeling." (www.truth-out.org/news/item/21064-gmo-and-natural-food-fight-treacherous-terrain)

After the state of Vermont passed GMO labeling, (slated to take effect in July 2016), the GMA initiated a lawsuit to prevent the bill from being implemented. "Since when can the food industry overturn laws voted in by citizens?" asks FDN's Stokke.

In Spring 2014, Kansas Representative Mark Pompeo introduced the Congressional Bill H.R.4432-Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2014, which would, if passed, "preempt any state and local

the (agency's) decisions ... favor their preferred industrial model of food production," says Cornucopia's Mark Kastel.

When the Cornucopia Institute filmed dairy operations, it found that the largest milk producers were not in compliance. "They should never have been certified organic to begin with," says Gerritsen. "Where is the USDA enforcement? What should be the highest credibility label is being tarnished by certain corporations' unwillingness to meet the spirit and the letter of authentic organic production."

Consumer Reports recently downgraded the value of the organic seal from its highest rating due to such concerns: www.cornucopia.org/2014/12/investigation-factory-farms-producing-massive-quantities-organic-milk-eggs/

Gerritsen's advice? "Get informed, and put your consumer dollars behind the companies that work for policy changes and withhold your dollars from those who fake where they stand." ■

SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: *Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds*

By Adam Rabiner

Open Sesame is the title of Park Slope Food Coop member and Plow-to-Plate curator Sean Kaminsky's 2014 documentary about threats to seed diversity. It's the magical phrase that allowed Ali Baba to enter the thieves' den and it's also a call to action in support of "open pollinated" seeds—those that can reproduce.

For thousands of years, farmers saved the hardest open pollinated seeds for the following year's planting season. In the early part of the 20th century innovative hybrid seeds were introduced that promised to increase yields. However, hybrid seeds are unable to reproduce, so there's no point in saving them. Hybrid seeds happen in nature and are not the same as the genetically modified organisms that were the focus of recent films of this series. By becoming the introduction point for high intensity, industrial, monoculture agriculture, hybrid seeds laid the groundwork for GMOs.

Seeds are a wonder not just to Ali Baba, but to all the farmers and activists interviewed in this film. When asked what makes a seed grow, they pause in thought, their answers and facial expressions reflecting

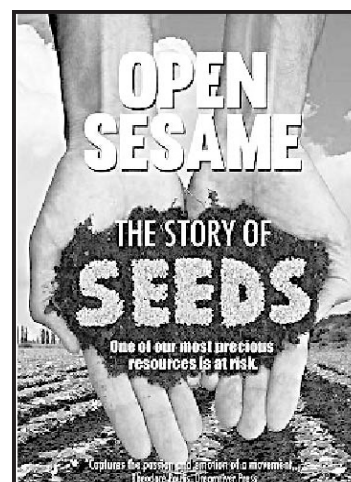
their marvel and awe: the five elements coming together, sunshine, water, the desire to experience life, and love, care, and clearly magic.

Some of these farmers are filing a class action suit against Monsanto. They are not seeking money, all they want is not to be sued for patent infringement if Monsanto's GMO crops cross-pollinate theirs. Others are operating seed schools, seed libraries, and conservation and education organizations in Tucson, Arizona, and Accord, New York, dedicated to preserving biodiversity and local seeds. Seeds, like animals and indigenous languages, are threatened with mass extinction. Ninety percent of what grew 100 years ago is now gone. Of the 307 varieties of sweet corn we once had, we are now down to 12. These farmers choose to link to the past rather than break the link.

Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds is ultimately not about seeds but about us. It is a very humane movie dealing with human beings, our passions, connections, dependencies and interdependencies. Seeds create the abundance upon which we rely and their extinction is potentially ours.

Despite its dire warnings,

Open Sesame is not all doom and gloom. The plaintiffs receive some measure of support in their risky "bet the farm" lawsuit against Monsanto. The judge ruled that if less than 1% of their crops were cross-pollinated they could not be sued (but left open the possibility if greater than 1% were). And seed banks, organic farmers, consumer demand and the alternative food movement have brought back from near extinction several varieties of



seed. Open pollination is compared to the open source software operating system Linux:

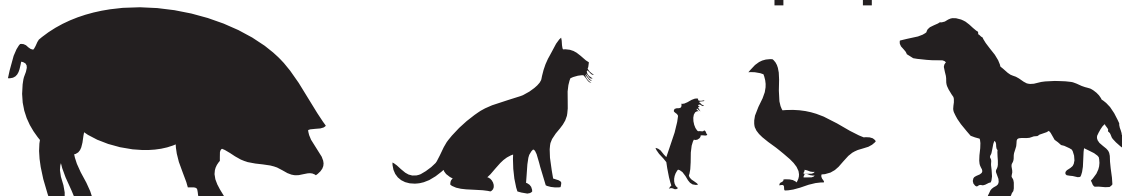
once derided and laughed at, but ultimately successful.

Every seed tells a story. People mail their family's heirloom seeds to sanctuaries, accompanied by letters describing their origins. *Open Sesame's* story is distressing but hopeful. The thieves' den may seem formidably sealed, impossible to penetrate. But two magical words, "open sesame," allowed a poor woodcutter to step right in. ■

Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds will show on Tuesday, February 10, 7 p.m. Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Did you ever wonder exactly what those humane claims on product labels at the Coop mean? Or want to confirm which items we carry are not tested on animals?

The Animal Welfare Committee provides transparent animal welfare information about the Coop's products.



We work with staff, the Coop's vendors and external research resources to provide species- and issue-specific information for YOU, the Coop member. You can find us online at our blog and twitter account and you can find our guides all around the Coop, next to their relevant products!

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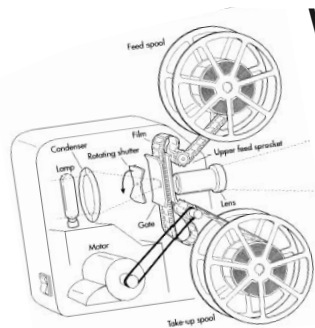


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ARE YOU A BROOKLYN-BASED FILMMAKER?



Would you like to screen your work at the Coop?

Then submit your film for possible inclusion in the Coop's Friday Film Night Screening Series.

If you're a Coop member you'll receive one FTOP credit for screening and offering a Q+A with your film. If you're not a member, it's still a chance to spread the word about your work and build your fan base by screening for a local audience.

We accept documentary and fiction, both features and shorts (we program shorts as a group).

Please e-mail Gabriel Rhodes for details at gabrielrhodes@me.com.

Looking to help new coops form in Brooklyn while getting a tax deduction?

Support the Fund for New Coops—a project of the Park Slope Food Coop.

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The Fund for New Coops will make low-interest loans to start-up coops that use the full-member labor model like ours. Loans will be extended to qualified start-ups to address problems and maximize the chances that start-ups will flourish.

How can you donate?

- Use the scannable Fund for New Coops donation cards available on the shopping floor
- Donate directly from the Coop's website, foodcoop.com. Follow the link for the Fund for New Coops and select the DONATE button
- Mail a check—made out to the Fund for New Food Coops—to:
FJC, 520 Eighth Ave., 20th Flr., New York, NY 10018

Help nascent coops that want to use our model: Contribute today!

MEMBER SUBMISSION

Starve the Beast: Moving Money Out of Fossil Fuels

By Mimi Bluestone

Food and climate are inseparable. People first learned to cultivate food crops and critters 11,000 years ago, a discovery that, together with remarkably stable climate patterns, made civilization possible.

Climate change is upend-

ing that stability. Here in New York State, warmer temperatures and unreliable rainfall imperil key crops. If temperatures rise as predicted, farmers won't be able to grow crisp, juicy Macintosh apples, cows will produce less milk, and kale, cabbage and potatoes will struggle to survive

hotter summers.

Fossil fuels are the villains of the climate saga. Despite gains in solar and wind, the fossil fuel monster isn't dying fast enough. Fossil fuel companies' current assets include in-the-ground energy reserves that, if burned, will raise global temperatures

beyond human endurance. And these companies keep looking for more.

It's time to starve the beast. Fossil Free is an international network set up by 350.org to get institutions and governments to shed their investments in fossil fuel companies. (350 refers to the need to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration to 350 parts per million.)

The logic here is that the fossil fuel industry is the main obstacle to countering climate change. Institutions that serve the public good should not profit from investments in planetary disaster. Fossil fuel companies should not be rewarded for pushing a product that, based on overwhelming scientific evidence, can't be used without endangering us all.

Nearly 200 organizations have committed to selling off some or all of their fossil fuel holdings, including universities, local governments, religious institutions and charitable foundations. Even the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, built on the family's Standard Oil fortune, has promised to sell off its fossil fuel assets.

Fossil Free urges institutions with fossil fuel investments—such as the pension fund for my union, the United Federation of Teachers—to immediately freeze any new investment in fossil fuel companies and, within five years, to move out of the top 200 fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds. That list of companies comes from Carbon Underground, which ranks public companies based on their holdings' carbon content. (To see institutions that have committed to fossil fuel divestment, see www.gofossilfree.org/commitments/)

To me the choice is simple. How can I enjoy my pension if my city is underwater, if I know that my own children and the students I've taught will suffer even more drastic climate change? There's a moral imperative to sell off these stocks. Equally important: investing in technologies that will transform our energy infrastructure.

But there are also strong financial arguments for moving institutions out of volatile fossil fuel investments. With the rise of

renewables, the industry's volatility will only increase as demand for fossil fuels shrinks. There's talk about a carbon bubble of fossil fuel reserves that won't ever be burned, partly because of renewables and partly because of increasing international regulation. These reserves will become "stranded assets," inventory that can't be sold. Every agreement to restrict fossil fuels, every new solar panel or windmill puts another puncture in the carbon bubble.

We saw what happened to people caught with real estate investments during the housing bubble. The popping of the carbon bubble could be even more disruptive. Seems like the best idea is to divest before the prices go down any further!

Respect for the environment and support for sustainable agriculture are key Food Coop tenets. Many Coop members showed up for the 400,000-strong People's Climate March in September; many now wonder what else they can do to confront climate change.

We can all push key institutions to sell off their fossil fuel investments. All of us are connected to institutions with fossil fuel investments. New Yorkers who aren't public employees still pay taxes that contribute to government workers' pensions. Some of us are members of religious groups with financial holdings; others are students or graduates of private colleges with endowments. Many Coop members are enrolled in public employee pension funds.

Here are two local events Coop members can participate in:

Global Divestment Day: Friday, February 13, organized by Fossil Free. There will be events all over the world (www.gofossilfree.org/divestment-day/). Here in New York, 350NYC is organizing a rally in lower Manhattan at 12:30; location to be announced (www.act.350.org/event/gdd/9921).

Fossil Fuel Forum: Friday, March 13, 7 p.m., Park Slope Methodist Church. Learn more about the movement to get out of fossil fuel divestments.

No one should profit from planetary calamity. It's time to pull the financial plug on companies standing in the way of climate solutions. ■



Are you a lighting designer?

Do you know a lighting designer?

Do you know someone who knows a lighting designer?

Do you know someone who knows someone who knows a lighting designer?

The Coop is looking for a member who is a lighting designer or an architect with lighting experience to work with the Energy Efficiency Committee to help improve the quality and energy efficiency of the lighting in the Coop.

If interested, or if you know someone who's interested, please contact the committee by going to the Contact Us page on [foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com) — <http://www.foodcoop.com/?page=contact> — and select "Workslot Needs" from the "Person to Contact" dropdown menu.

FTOP work credit will be given.

Coop Job Opening:

General Coordinator: Purchasing/Receiving Supervisor

Description:

The General Coordinating (GC) team is the Park Slope Food Coop's top level of management. The GC team provides long-term planning, financial stewardship, management of Coop daily operations including the member-labor system, and supervision of paid staff.

We are seeking a qualified applicant to join the GC team with specific responsibility for supervising the Coop's purchasing, receiving, storing and displaying of merchandise. The qualified candidate will be a self-starter and critical thinker who is able to provide leadership in strategic planning and in project implementation. He/she will also have excellent oral and written communication skills, good organizational skills, and be open to working in a cooperative, collaborative environment.

The Park Slope Food Coop is a 16,000 working member-only organization started in 1973 in Park Slope, Brooklyn, NY, with annual sales of \$49 million in 6,000 square feet of selling space and 70+ paid employee-members.

Specific responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Oversight and coordination of our product selection, purchasing, receiving, merchandising and storage of goods
- Shared supervision of 40+ Receiving Coordinators
- Enhancement, formalization and implementation of the Coop's long-term purchasing guidelines with ongoing education of both staff and members of guidelines and practices
- High level management of our retail operations including deliveries, storage, purchasing, inventory and product selection

Desired skills/experience:

- Retail experience in the grocery industry with knowledge of natural, organic, fair trade and local foods, producer cooperatives and industry trends
- Purchasing experience, including broker relationships and negotiations
- Strong analytic skills and facility with numbers relating to margins, pricing, turnover, volume buying
- Demonstrated leadership, supervisory, and team-building skills with the ability to formulate workplace policies and training programs
- Ability to contribute to and utilize the PSFC's evolving IT and proprietary inventory systems
- Interest in and knowledge of environmental impact and sustainability of farming, food production, packaging and transport as well as food safety issues and practices
- Experience managing multiple priorities, working under pressure, and meeting tight deadlines
- Experience in a cooperative or collective organization
- High energy with capability to move between three floors, lift, stand and work outside

Hours: Average work week of 45-50 hours, including availability for evening and weekend work when needed.

Wages: The General Coordinator salary is \$88,700.

Benefits: Generous benefits package including health, dental, and a defined benefit pension plan.

How to Apply:

Please send a cover letter, resumé, and three professional references to pc.psfc@gmail.com and go to <http://goo.gl/0Xx2j9> to complete a short questionnaire. No phone calls please. Applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their materials. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and will continue until the position has been filled.

The Park Slope Food Coop is an equal opportunity employer.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Plastic in Our Food

By Regina Weiss

In December a large, well-regarded study published in *Hypertension*, a journal of the American Heart Association, concluded that bisphenol A (BPA) a chemical commonly found in food and beverage cans, plastic bottles and plastic food packaging, causes people's blood pressure to rise rapidly.

As *New York Times* science writer Anahad O'Connor put it, "People who regularly drink from cans and plastic bottles may want to reconsider." The BPA used in these containers seeps into the beverages consumers drink. The study O'Connor was reporting on found that within two hours of drinking from one of these containers both BPA levels in people's urine and their blood pressure rose dramatically. Considering that 30 percent of Americans have high blood pressure, this is cause for concern.

Years of Study Show Health Risks

In addition to the widely recognized environmental destruction caused by plastic in all its forms—air, water and soil pollution to name just the most obvious—the health risks associated with plastics have long been known, but have received far less attention from media and government. Probably the most highly publicized risks to date have been those associated with BPA.

Back in 2008, results of the cumulative research on BPA—which had been going on for years—did receive significant attention in the news, with the information that exposure to the chemical is linked to increased anxiety, aggression, depression, hyperactivity and behavioral problems in children. Longstanding animal studies had also shown that BPA alters brain function, disrupts hormones, and increases anxiety and hyperactivity.

After a lot of negative press over four years, in 2012 the federal Food and Drug Administration banned the use of BPA in baby bottles and cups, leading to many new "BPA-free" products and market-

ing campaigns. However, other than children's prod-

- The vast majority of plastics currently used for food packaging contain BPA-like chemicals that



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ucts, the FDA refused to ban the chemical from bottles, cans or other food packaging, despite associated risks including heart disease and cancer.

As Democracy Now's Amy Goodman noted last year, "BPA is still widely used in everything from the lining of soup cans to printed receipts, even though . . . a [2014] study estimated the use of BPA in food and beverage containers is responsible for some \$3 billion a year in healthcare costs."

The Plastic Conspiracy

Last spring Goodman interviewed investigative reporter Mariah Blake about a story she wrote indicating that virtually all plastics, including those advertised as BPA-free, release synthetic estrogen into the food and drinks they contain. Blake also found that the chemicals used to replace BPA were as or more dangerous to human health and, most damning, she described "how the plastics industry has used a 'Big Tobacco-style campaign' to bury the disturbing scientific evidence about the products [we] use every day."

Blake's key findings include:

have estrogenic effects on brain and organ development and that have repeatedly been associated with a long list of diseases, including breast cancer and developmental problems in children.

- Many of the chemicals that have been used to replace BPA in plastic products have similar estrogenic effects. In one analysis of children's sippy cups purchased from Wal-Mart and Toys'R'Us, a third were found to be made with chemicals with estrogenic effects.

- The plastics industry has engaged in a years-long campaign to cast doubt on the scientific evidence linking the chemicals in their products to human health problems. This has included biased industry-funded studies published in journals that, in many cases, had links to the tobacco industry. The plastics industry used the same scientists who, in many cases, helped to discredit the scientific links between smoking and disease.

As Blake put it, the plastics industry "didn't only borrow strategies and tactics from Big Tobacco; they are actually relying on the same cadre of experts that Big

Tobacco relied on to bury the truth about smoking."

Additional findings from Blake's report include:

A neuroscientist at the University of Texas and a Georgetown University professor launched an independent lab and tested hundreds of commercially available plastics, finding that virtually all of them have estrogenic activity. Since publishing the results of their research in *Environmental Health Perspectives*, a journal of the National Institutes of Health, they have been subjected to a smear campaign by the plastics industry, including being called "shady" and "mad scientists."

The federal Food and Drug Administration has used tactics similar to the plastics industry to justify its refusal to ban BPA more widely.

Very few of the 80,000 chemicals in circulation in the United States have been tested for safety; it's a largely unregulated realm. "So, when a chemical like BPA is removed from a production line, the industry will substitute another chemical that is untested, and we really, in many cases, just don't know the health effects of that chem-

ical," Blake noted.

Much of what Blake reported came to light as evidence in a lawsuit. You can read Amy Goodman's interview with Blake on the Democracy Now website.

The Environmental Committee has worked for almost two decades to reduce the presence of plastic in the Coop. Committee educational campaigns convinced Coop members to vote to end the use of plastic shopping bags and the sale of water in disposable plastic bottles. The committee is currently working toward ridding the Coop of the hundreds of thousands of disposable plastic roll bags we use each year and continues to educate our fellow members about shopping with less plastic.

Plastic has been an ongoing concern for the Environmental Committee because plastic products generally don't biodegrade. They end up in landfills and oceans, where they pollute soil and water, harming wildlife and humans alike. Additional environmental downsides of plastic include its production, which pollutes the air, wastes huge quantities of water and relies on carbon-producing fossil fuels and other toxic chemicals. ■

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THE PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP'S
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**Are you a writer?
Do you want FTOP credit?**

**Wordsprouts, the Food Coop's
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for its monthly events in the
second-floor meeting room.**

**Please contact the organizers at
wordsproutspfc@gmail.com.**

COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.

Saturday

6:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.

Sunday

6:00 a.m. to 7:30* p.m.

*Shoppers must be on a checkout line
15 minutes after closing time.

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions must include author's name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are illegible or too long. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar opposite.

Letters: Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they conform to the guidelines above. The Anonymity and Fairness policies appear on the letters page in most issues.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses and services.

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Submissions on Paper: Typed or very legibly handwritten and placed in the wallpocket labeled "Editor" on the second floor at the base of the ramp.

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Classified & Display Ads: Ads may only be placed by and on behalf of Coop members. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, business card ads at \$30. (Ads in the "Merchandise-Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form (available in a wallpocket on the first floor near the elevator). Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2"x3.5").

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Friday, February 20, 8:00 p.m.

The Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture
and the Park Slope Food Coop present:

PROSPECT CONCERTS



Harmonic Insurgence has been singing about peace, freedom, justice, and social change since 2003. With the rich harmonies and intricate rhythms of director Gene Glickman's arrangements, the singers—Laurie Bennett, Ellen Davidson, Lupe Family, Mara Goodman, Nancy Hoch, Mark Karwowski, Jenny Knight, Dennis Marshall, and Marie Robinson—present folk, reggae, blues, labor and love songs. Tonight their songs address current challenges in the struggle for social justice, including government spying, protecting the environment, police brutality and racism. Come get out of the cold and rekindle your conviction that another world is possible.

RASHMI. Hailing from Dallas, RASHMI, now a Brooklyn resident and proud Food Coop member, has performed her original music in Austin, Dallas, Toronto, Philadelphia and Los Angeles. In New York, she plays at Rockwood Music Hall, The Rock Shop and The Way Station. Her songs have been commissioned for film and dance/theatre. Her melodic country-rock sound is unique, with her varied and diverse influences, and sound great acoustic or with a band. Get her album, *Rainstorm*, available on www.cdbaby.com and on www.rashmisingh.com. Follow her on www.facebook.com/everythingrashmi to hear about her upcoming album.



www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts

53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • \$10 • 8pm [doors open at 7:45]
Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.
Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

RETURN POLICY

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The Coop strives to keep prices low for our membership. Minimizing the amount of returned merchandise is one way we do this. If you need to make a return, please go to the 2nd Floor Service Desk.

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

1. The Paid-In-Full receipt MUST be presented.
2. Returns must be handled within 30 days of purchase.

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

No, we do not "exchange" items. You must return the merchandise and re-purchase what you need.

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

Produce* Bulk* (incl. Coop-bagged bulk)
Cheese* Seasonal Holiday Items
Books Special Orders
Calendars Refrigerated Supplements
Juicers & Oils
Sushi *A buyer is available during the week-days to discuss your concerns.

NEVER
RETURNABLE

Refrigerated Goods (not listed above)
Frozen Goods
Meat & Fish
Bread

RETURNABLE
ONLY IF SPOILED
BEFORE
EXPIRATION DATE
Packaging/label
must be present-
ed for refund.

Items not listed above that are unopened
and unused in re-sellable condition

RETURNABLE

The Coop reserves the right to refuse returns on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions, please contact a staff member in the Membership Office.

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WELCOME!

A warm welcome to these new Coop members who have joined us in the last two weeks. We're glad you've decided to be a part of our community.

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the three weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit foodcoop.com or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

Have questions about Orientation? Please visit www.foodcoop.com and look at the "Join the Coop" page for answers to frequently asked questions.

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

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General Meeting Info

TUE, FEBRUARY 24

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, MARCH 3

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the March 31 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Feb. 19 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, February 9
Mar. 5 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, February 23

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Feb. 19 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, February 11
Mar. 5 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, February 25

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings have been at the center of the Coop's decision-making process. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors. The Coop continued the tradition of General Meetings by requiring the Board to have open meetings and to receive the advice of the members at General Meetings. The Board of Directors, which is required to act legally and responsibly, has approved almost every General Meeting decision at the end of every General Meeting. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting in June. Copies of the Coop's bylaws are available at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Location

Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School, 500 19th St., between 10th Avenue and Prospect Park West.

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

If you have something you'd like discussed at a General Meeting, please complete a submission form for the Agenda Committee. Forms are available in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appear on the submission form. The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the GM held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Ann Herpel at the coop.

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.) • Meet the Coordinators • Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items • Explore meeting literature
Open Forum (7:15 p.m.) Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.
Reports (7:30 p.m.) • Financial Report • Coordinators' Report • Committee Reports
Agenda (8:00 p.m.) The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.
Wrap Up (9:30-9:45) (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Meeting evaluation • Board of Directors vote • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

Since the Coop's inception in 1973, the General Meeting has been our decision-making body. At the General Meeting (GM) members gather to make decisions and set Coop policy. The General-Meeting-for-workslot-credit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decision-making process.

Following is an outline of the program. For full details, see the instruction sheets by the sign-up board.

• Advance Sign-up required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby. The sign-ups sheet is available all month long, except for the day of the meeting when you have until 5 p.m. to sign up. On the day of the meeting, the sign-up sheet is kept in the Membership Office.

Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendar year.

• Certain Squads not eligible:

Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)

• Attend the entire GM:

In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the entire meeting.

• Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

• Being Absent from the GM:

It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. **We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods.** We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture. **We respect the environment.** We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment. **We are committed to diversity and equality.** We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member.

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calendar of events

feb 5
thu 7:30 pm**Food Class: Vegan Umami**

Discovered in the late 19th century, and frequently classified as the fifth taste, umami lends an earthy, savory note to modern cuisine. Learn to discover and enhance umami flavors in your dishes as Chef **Olivia Roszkowski** discusses which plant-based sources are naturally high in these glutamine-rich flavor molecules. She will also demonstrate how cooking techniques such as pickling, searing and smoking physically allow the proteins to undergo a molecular change, enabling you to unlock umami flavors in your very own home kitchen. Chef Olivia graduated from Columbia University with a degree in Neuroscience and Behavior. After completing the Chef Training Program at the Natural Gourmet Institute, she worked as a line cook at Jean Georges' (The) Mercer Kitchen, David Chang's Momofuku Ssam Bar, as well as Danny Meyer's Union Square Events. She currently works as a Chef Instructor at the Natural Gourmet Institute and as a private chef. Follow her latest happenings at oliviaethechef.com. *Menu includes: sundried tomato pesto on homemade multi-seed crackers; grilled Caesar salad with shiitake "bacon"; seared king trumpet mushroom "scallops" with chile-infused oil; smoked maple-glazed tempeh with dijon dipping sauce and pickled root vegetables; cashew ricotta, date and preserved lemon crostini.*

ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. If you would like to request an ASL interpreter, please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by January 22.

Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.

feb 6
fri 7 pm**Film Night: Occupy Love**

Occupy Love explores the growing realization that the dominant system of power is failing to provide us with health, happiness or meaning. The old paradigm that concentrates wealth, founded on the greed of the few, is causing economic and ecological collapse. The resulting crisis has become the catalyst for a profound awakening: millions of people are deciding that enough is enough—the time has come to create a new world, a world that works for all life. The film connects the dots in this era of rapidly evolving social change, featuring captivating insider scenes from the Egyptian Revolution, the Indignado uprising in Spain, Occupy Wall Street in New York, Indigenous activists at the Alberta Tar Sands, the climate justice movement, and beyond. Woven throughout the action-oriented backbone of the film is a deep exploration of public love, and compelling stories of an emerging new paradigm. It features some of the world's key visionaries on alternative systems of economics, sustainability, and empathy, including Naomi Klein, Bill McKibben, Jeremy Rifkin, bell hooks and Charles Eisenstein. Director **Velcrow Ripper** and producer **Nova Ami** will be in attendance after the screening for a Q&A. Ripper is a Canadian Academy Award (Genie) winning filmmaker, writer, sound designer and public speaker.

To book a Film Night, contact Gabriel Rhodes, gabrielrhodes@me.com.

feb 7
sat 2–5 pm**Valentine's Day Card-Making Party**

Bring family and friends of all ages to a Valentine's Day Card-Making party in the Coop's Meeting Room. We'll supply glue, markers, and paper and some fun art-making tips. Bring any other special art materials you would like to use. Hot cocoa and chocolate treats will be available to purchase.

feb 10
tue 7 pm**Safe Food Committee Film Night: Open Sesame**

Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds is a film by Coop member **Sean Kaminsky**. Most people don't know that one of the world's most precious resources is at risk. Seeds provide the basis for everything from fabric, to food, to fuels. Seeds are as essential to life as the air we breathe or water we drink. Over the past 100 years, seeds have steadily shifted from being common heritage to sovereign property. Large corporations are stealing seed varieties from under us by slowly patenting them. Corporate-owned seeds now account for 82% of the worldwide market. This groundbreaking film will help others learn what is at stake and what can be done.

feb 13
fri 7 pm**Wordsprouts: Short Pieces for Long Nights**

On the eve of Valentine's Day, enjoy an entertaining evening of short pieces by Coop members **Tom Rayfiel** and **Susan O'Neill**. Rayfiel will be reading his *The Three Penny Review* "Table Talk" pieces, super-short essays on varying subjects, mostly literary, akin to *The New Yorker's* "Talk of the Town" department. *The Three Penny Review* recently published a best-of collection of its "Table Talk" department, featuring contributions by Leonard Michaels, Philip Levine, and others. Rayfiel is the author of "In Pinelight," called, in 2013 by *Bookforum*, "One of this year's hidden gems." *Genius*, his seventh novel, will be published in 2016. When not writing, he works in the dairy cooler. O'Neill will present her short, mostly funny essays, from *Calling New Delhi for Free*. They loosely deal with the way technology screws with our heads, covering everything from an attempt to get a Starbucks barista to leave the lid off her coffee, to being threatened with eviction from a Russian train, to say nothing of visiting an all-you-can-eat restaurant in the Midwest and spending a lot of money to go to Obama's second inauguration and not see the President. O'Neill is the author of *Don't Mean Nothing*, a collection of short stories based loosely on her hitch as an army nurse in Vietnam. She has edited *Vestal Review* (www.vestalreview.net), an e-zine/print literary journal for flash fiction, since it began 13 years ago.

feb 20
fri 6:30 pm**Environmental Impact of TPP**

Please join us for the first Public Education Forum on International Trade. The Forum will shed light on potential environmental repercussions of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The TPP is a trade agreement among 12 countries, including the U.S., that is currently being negotiated behind closed doors. President Obama plans to fast track the TPP through Congress later this year. Given the lack of coverage by the mainstream media, the Forum intends to educate the public on this shadowy agreement. The first in a series of educational forums on international trade agreements, this event will focus on environmental impact. Guest speakers will be in attendance to answer your questions. This forum is presented by the International Trade Education Squad.

For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: foodcoop.com

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops.
Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.

feb 5–mar 20 2015

feb 20
fri 8 pm

Harmonic Insurgence, RASHMI



Harmonic Insurgence has been singing about peace, freedom, justice, and social change since 2003. With the rich harmonies and intricate rhythms of director

Gene Glickman's arrangements, the singers—Laurie Bennett, Ellen Davidson, Lupe Family, Mara Goodman, Nancy Hoch, Mark Karwowski, Jenny Knight, Dennis Marshall, and Marie Robinson—present folk, reggae, blues, labor and love songs. Tonight their songs address current challenges in the struggle for social justice, including government spying, protecting the environment, police brutality and racism. Come get out of the cold and rekindle your conviction that another world is possible. Hailing from Dallas, **RASHMI**, now a Brooklyn resident and proud Food Coop member, has performed her original music in Austin, Dallas, Toronto, Philadelphia and Los Angeles. In New York, she plays at Rockwood Music Hall, The Rock Shop and The Way Station. Her songs have been commissioned for film and dance/theatre. Her melodic country-rock sound is unique, with her varied and diverse influences, and sound great acoustic or with a band. Get her album, *Rainstorm*, available on www.cdbaby.com and on www.rashmisingh.com. Follow her on www.facebook.com/everythingrashmi to hear about her upcoming album.

Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.), \$10, doors open at 7:45. Prospect Concerts is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture.



at fixation in the mind. Can we better deal with stress and anxiety by living less up in our head? By utilizing both the Alexander Technique and meditation, you can develop a set of skills for examining and transforming stuck patterns in your life. This workshop will consist of experiential exercises, brief discussion, and optional hands-on guidance. Coop member **Dan Cayer** is a nationally certified Alexander Technique teacher working in the field of pain, injury, and stress. After a serious injury left him unable to work, or even carry out household tasks like cleaning dishes, he began studying the Alexander Technique. His return to health, as well as his experience with the physical, mental, and emotional aspects of pain, inspired him to help others.

feb 24
tue 7 pm

PSFC FEB General Meeting



Items will be taken up in the order given. Times in parentheses are suggestions. More information on each item may be available on the entrance table at the meeting. We ask members to please read the materials available

between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

Meeting location: MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.

Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up

II. Open Forum

III. Coordinator and Committee Reports

IV. Meeting Agenda

Item 1: Partnership with Terra Cycle Recycling (30 minutes)

Discussion: Provide members an opportunity to recycle waste from certain items sold at the Coop not currently recycled by NYC waste management.

—submitted by the Environmental Committee

Item 2: Branch Location Study Committee (30 minutes)

Discussion: To form a committee of members to study the feasibility of opening a new branch of the Coop in addition to our existing location.

—submitted by Jonathan Farber

Item 3: Proposal to Remove Plastic Roll Bags from the Shopping Floor (30 minutes)

Discussion: The Environmental Committee proposes to permanently remove the plastic roll bags from the shopping floor eight weeks from the date of the GM vote.

—submitted by the Environmental Committee

V. Board of Directors Meeting

VI. Wrap-Up. Includes member sign-in for workslot credit.

For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office.

feb 21
sat 12 pm

It's Your Funeral

Planning for your own death now (as opposed to later) is a practice that can enable you to live in the moment, face your own mortality with courage—and create an end-of-life service that reflects your values. Join Coop member **Amy Cunningham**, former journalist and graduate of the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service, in a conversation about fascinating advancements within the funeral business. The talk will cover how to plan a low-cost, back-to-basics funeral or memorial service, as well as offer information on green cemeteries near New York City, cremation pros and cons, biodegradable caskets and urns, blended-faith/alternative ceremonies, and more. You'll get a glimmer of what funerals of the future might look like—and leave with planning literature for yourself or for someone you love. Cunningham is a licensed funeral director at Greenwood Heights Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., a full-service funeral home on Fourth Avenue in Brooklyn.

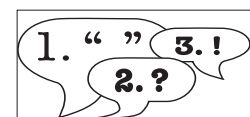
feb 22
sun 12 pm

Mindfulness & the Alexander Technique

You will be exposed to two powerful methods for working with stuck patterns of physical tension and stress. Through the Alexander Technique, we will explore fixation in the body, which could be manifesting as pain or stiffness. Through a simple meditation practice, we will take a look

mar 3
tue 8 pm

Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for future General Meetings. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8:00 and 8:15 p.m. Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda Item for the

General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at foodcoop.com.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.

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mar 5 **Food Class**

mar 6 **Film Night**

mar 7 **Coop Kids' Variety Show @ Old First Church**

mar 10 **Safe Food Committee Film Night**

mar 13 **Wordsprouts**

mar 15 **And When I Die: The Musical**

mar 20 **Reality, Truth and Conscious Light**

mar 20 **Prospect Concerts**

CALL FOR VIDEO PROFESSIONALS to join the video team for the new Park Slope Food Coop Web site.

We will be producing videos for the new Park Slope Food Coop Web site.

In line with the mission of the new Web site, the videos will offer more information to members and educate the public about the Coop. We are looking for members who currently work professionally as:

- Video shooters (who have their own equipment that they can use for the Coop videos)
- Sound recorders (who have their own equipment they can use)
- Producers • Directors • Editors • Composers • Sound mixers

If you are interested in FTOP earning work credit by sharing your expertise to help produce awesome videos for the Coop's new Web site, please send an e-mail with a brief statement describing your qualifications or a CV to:

jdressner@gmail.com

NEEDED

Networking Engineer/Specialist

We need a few networking experts to help the Coop evaluate our current network and plan for upcoming network changes. This is not a paid position, but it will satisfy your work requirement through the FTOP program, and your effort will be very much appreciated by the Coop.

If you are interested, please contact us via e-mail at **it.ftop@psfc.coop**.



EXPERIENCED ORGANIZERS, DESIGNERS, AND PROJECT MANAGERS NEEDED!

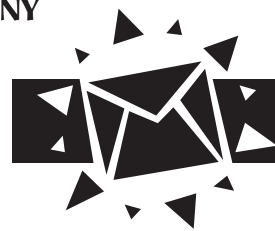


As part of Principle 6, Cooperation Among Cooperatives, the Food Coop is supporting the burgeoning Cooperative Economics Alliance of NYC (CEANYC) to build and expand the solidarity and cooperative economy in the five boroughs.

Coop members with the following skills can receive FTOP credit for filling the following recurring roles:

- web and graphic design • website development
- outreach and community organizing
- project management and meeting facilitation
- secretary and treasurer duties

We are seeking members who reflect the diversity of the Coop. E-mail **ceanycorganizers@gmail.com** with a resume or portfolio and why you would like to support cooperation in NYC.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS POLICY

We welcome letters from members. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar. All letters will be printed if they conform to the published guidelines. We will not knowingly publish articles which are racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory.

The maximum length for letters is 500 words. Letters must include your name and phone number and be typed or very legibly handwritten. Editors will reject letters that are illegible or too long.

You may submit on paper, typed or very legibly handwritten, or via email to **GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop** or on disk.

Anonymity

Unattributed letters will not be published unless the *Gazette* knows the identity of the writer, and therefore must be signed when submitted (giving phone number). Such letters will be published only where a reason is given to the editor as to why public identification of the writer would impose an unfair burden of embarrassment or difficulty. Such letters must relate to Coop issues and avoid any non-constructive, non-cooperative language.

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehen-

sive, factual coverage:

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author's first-hand observation.

2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

The above applies to both articles and letters. The only exceptions will be articles by *Gazette* reporters which will be required to include the response within the article itself.

Respect

Letters must not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions. Letter writers must refer to other people with respect, refrain from calling someone by a nickname that the person never uses himself or herself, and refrain from comparing other people to odious figures like Hitler or Idi Amin.

ADDITIONAL NEW POLICIES ON LETTERS AND MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

In the interest of promoting civil discourse and upholding the main purpose of letter and member submissions to the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, the Editorial Board of the *Gazette* has created additional policies for "Letters to the Editor" and member submissions:

Letters and member submissions cannot contain gratuitous personalization—that is, needlessly identifying a Coop member and directing the substance of the letter/article to him or her, as in a polemical debate. Letters and articles should deal mainly with ideas and not persons. Letter/article writers will be asked to reword their submissions in accordance with this guideline.

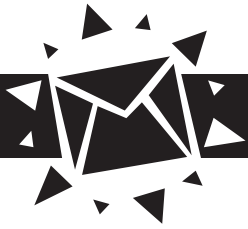
Letters and member submissions must be mainly (that is 75% or more) original writing, and the opinion of the writer. Submissions that are essentially cut-and-paste, pass-along writing from other publications will be rejected, and the writer asked to re-submit with original writing.

Punctuation and Formatting Disclaimer:

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—The Editors, *Linewaiters' Gazette*





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRITICAL THINKING

MEMBERS,

I noticed that Jeffrey Smith's film, *Genetic Roulette*, was shown at the Coop last night [Plo-to-Plate Movie Series, January 13]. Perhaps the membership of our organization might be better served by a balanced discussion of the GMO issue, which would include

real experts (unlike Mr. Smith) who might present rigorous scientific data that might shed more light on the subject than the knee-jerk hysteria that seems to be the primary response of our members when asked about this issue. Similarly, I would like to see a serious discussion of homeopathy, since the Coop still sells a

small number of so-called "homeopathic remedies" even though all the credible scientific evidence indicates that they are no more effective than placebos. Both of these issues require a stiff dose of critical thinking and I really hope our organization is equipped to provide it.

Paul Contursi



BDS/MIDDLE EAST

OLYMPIA FOOD COOP
BACK IN COURT OVER
2010 DECISION TO
BOYCOTT ISRAELI
GOODS

MEMBERS:

The Olympia Food Coop, with two stores, 22,000 members in Olympia, Washington, was the "the first grocery store" in the U.S. to support the BDS movement against Israeli products. In 2010, the board of directors voted not to be complicit in Israel's human rights violations. This bold stand encouraged economic and social justice for Palestinians.

The PSFC's mission statement says: "We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others." De-shelving SodaStream and its products, manufactured in Ma'aleh Adumim, an illegal Israeli settlement built on stolen Palestinian land in the West Bank, adheres to this principle. Likewise, this would be a bold decision for the PSFC to support.

On January 20, 2015, the Washington State Supreme Court heard oral arguments about the sixteen current and former members of the Olympia Food Coop board of directors. The lawyers for five plaintiffs (former members of the Coop) argued against (1) the 2010 decision of the Olympia Food Coop to boycott Israeli goods, and (2) a Washington State law that saw their previous attempts to stop the boycott defeated in lower courts. The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) representing the board members, immediately requested to have the case dismissed as a SLAPP—Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation. Under Washington state law, a SLAPP is an abusive lawsuit whose purpose is to prevent or deter people from exercising their constitutional rights by dragging them into expensive litigation. CCR argued that the lawsuit was an effort to silence the Coop's principled stand expressed through BDS against Israel's human rights violations.

In the initial lawsuit decision, February 2012, a Washington state judge agreed with the Coop board members that the lawsuit was a SLAPP and ordered the anti-boycott plaintiffs to pay \$160,000 in damages to members of the Olympia Food Coop board plus legal fees. The ruling was later upheld by an appeals court.

In the current case before the Washington Supreme Court, three organizations filed a "friend of the court brief." Jewish Voice for Peace provided data from a 2011 posting on the website of StandWithUs, an anti-Palestinian advocacy group that works closely with Israel. It described the 2011 lawsuit against Olympia Food Coop as the project between StandWithUs and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, spearheaded by Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon. The American Civil Liberties Union's Washington affiliate focused criticism on Washington's anti-SLAPP law and did not relate the law to the Olympia Food Coop case. The Lawfare Project (an anti-BDS organization funded by pro-Israel sources) focused on the unconstitutionality of the anti-SLAPP law, that it limits access to the courts.

According to the Center of Constitutional Rights, it is unclear when this "closely watched decision" by the Washington Supreme Court will be made.

Source: Charlotte Silver's article (www.electronicintifada.net)

Mary Buchwald
BrooklynForPeace.org
PSFC members for BDS
www.psfcbds.wordpress.com

LETTER IN EVERY
ISSUE?

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I disagree with everything, or almost everything, a pro-BDS letter writer says, but I would die, or at least put myself at risk, to defend their right to say it. Let that be known.

Why, though, does this letter writer get to have a letter in every issue? I would feel less violated if the letter

writer were able to have a letter, let's say, in seven out of every 12 issues of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. No one else gets to have their letter to the editor in every issue, to my knowledge.

The letter writer should have their opinion, such as it is, heard. The letter writer should not monopolize the page that, for some reason, you dedicate to BDS every issue.

By the way, is it the Boycott, Divest, Sanctions of Israel Committee, or is it supposed to be something else? Aren't there other countries, such as North Korea, Saudi Arabia, and Syria worthy of the attention of the BDS committee?

Sincerely,
Dan Schorr

RESPONSE TO LETTER
TO THE EDITORS,

A recent letter claims that the Israeli/Palestinian conflict is not at all complicated but is rather "appallingly simple." Using the same appallingly simplistic thinking, with no evidence whatsoever, the writer sums up this conflict as Israeli "carnage" and "genocide" and, with the customary hyperbolic demonization, refers to "loonies in high places" who call for "the massacre of babies" and "the mass rape of every Palestinian woman." No sources, no citations, no civility. The implication that this sums up the entirety of Jewish and Israeli sentiment toward Palestinians is beyond outrageous.

Meanwhile Islamist and Palestinian terrorists continue their murderous anti-Semitic campaign against Jewish and Israeli civilians: The recent massacre in a Parisian Kosher market; the stabbings last week of a dozen Israelis on a Tel Aviv bus; the November massacre in a Jerusalem Synagogue using guns and axes to murder five Israelis at prayer; the kidnap and murder of three Israeli teenagers last June; and of course the recent Hamas-instigated war against Israel, notable for targeting Israeli civilian locations. This is matched by growing anti-Semitic violence throughout Europe, especially but not only in France, which

hosts the largest population of Arab immigrants and the third largest population of Jews, steadily declining as they exit the dangers.

And from the Hamas Covenant of 1988, here is a statement that perhaps adds a little complexity to the issue: "The Islamic Resistance Movement aspires to the realization of Allah's promise, no matter how long that should take. The Prophet, Allah bless him and grant him salvation, has said: 'The day of judgment will not come until Moslems fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jews will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say 'O Moslems, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him.'" (www.avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp).

More locally, in a typical act of disrespect, in protest against a plan for fifteen City Council members to visit Israel, a coalition including Jewish Voices for Peace and Queers Against Israeli Apartheid disrupted a Council meeting by unfurling a Palestinian flag and yelling at the Council members as a vote was taken to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp in Auschwitz.

Upon no authority but their own, independent of any democratic process, Coop leadership has bestowed a permanent blog in the *Gazette* upon an extremist group that calls for the elimination of the only Jewish state, ignoring their Duty of Care by allowing identity-targeting hate speech and group defamation perceived as odious by many Jewish and Israeli members. In a morally bankrupt inversion of our status as a "cooperative corporation," leadership clearly sees only the "corporation" as the defining aspect, ignoring the "cooperative" part of a truly inclusive Community. This is the Coop's idea of a "welcoming" community that respects "the opinions, needs and concerns of every member." As always, all groups at the Coop are created equal, just some groups are less equal than others.

Sylvia Lowenthal

WHAT'S BEING COLLECTED:

- 1) Plastic sandwich bags and small plastic bulk bags (NOT large roll or shopping bags)
- 2) Baby food pouches & caps (any brand)
- 3) Cereal bag liners (plastic liners from cereal, crackers, bulk cereal bags, and similar liners)
- 4) Energy bar wrappers (any brand)
- 5) Toothpaste tubes & caps (any brand)
- 6) Brita water filters & components

NOTE: No need to clean, rinse, or remove stickers.

NOW YOU CAN RECYCLE MORE!

The Environmental Committee is promoting a new partnership between the PSFC and **TerraCycle**, an innovative recycling company that transforms hard to recycle waste into new products- keeping more waste out of landfills.

We will be presenting a proposal for discussion at the January General Meeting and holding preliminary collections in January and February.

Save up your eligible waste for upcoming collection dates.

QUESTIONS: ecokvetch@yahoo.com

LEARN MORE: www.terracycle.com

WHEN:

January 24th
2pm - 4pm

February 28th
2pm - 4pm

WHERE:

In front of the Coop or inside if the weather is frigid.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop.

Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

FRI, FEB 6

8-11 p.m. SWING DANCE NIGHT, Park Slope - JITTERBUG JAM with Flying Home and Arturo Perez. Dance lessons with Arturo Perez followed by live '30s and '40s swing music from Flying Home with guest singers. First Friday of every month! BSEC, 53 Prospect Park West. More Info: www.brooklynswingdance.com.

SAT, FEB 7

10 a.m.-3 p.m. 10th Annual SEED CELEBRATION & SWAP! at the Old Stone House in Washington Park (Fifth Ave. and Third St. BKLYN). FREE. Hands-on demonstrations, sales, educational materials, books to browse, seed transplanting, compost tutorials. Zach Pickens of Rooftop Ready Seeds will talk at 10 a.m. For more info: permaculture-exchange.org.

SUN, FEB 8

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players present: The Apollo Trio Curtis

Macomber, violin; Michael Kanen, cello; Marija Stroke, piano at the Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture Central Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza, BKLYN. Admission Free.

SAT, FEB 14

8 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe: Women's Voices for Love & Freedom: Alice Farrell; Robbie Wedeen; MaryNell Morgan. At The Community Church of NY Unitarian Universalist, 40 E. 35th St. For info call 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation \$18, member \$10.

THU, FEB 19

7-9:30 p.m. Book Sale - Premium Preview Sale - \$20 admission. Tens of thousands of new and used books, DVDs, CDs and records. Most books priced at \$1 or \$2. Park Slope United Methodist Church, Sixth Ave. at Eighth St. (Book donations welcome; details at www.parkslopeumc.org.)

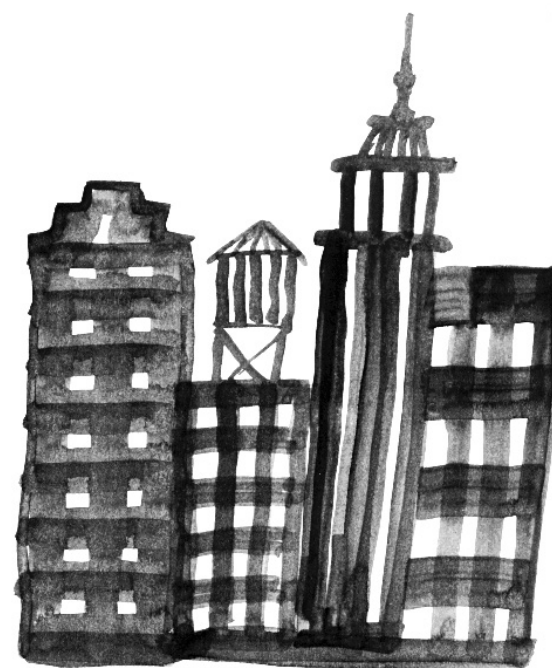
FRI, FEB 20

7-9:30 p.m. Book Sale - Preview Sale: \$5 admission. See 2/19/15 date for more info.

SAT, FEB 21

9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Book Sale Free admission. Tens of thousands of new and used books, DVDs, CDs and records. Terrific Children's Room! Also Sunday 2/22/15 12:30 to 5 p.m. (Details at www.parkslopeumc.org.)

6:30 p.m. World Social Justice Day, at the farm-to-table women-owned restaurant Wild in Williamsburg, an evening celebrating Sustainable Sisterhood. We are doers and movers, who believe that collaborating, supporting, and investing in each other is A Feminist Act. At Wild Brooklyn on 340 Bedford Ave. For more info: www.sustainable-sisterhood.splashthat.com/.



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BED & BREAKFAST

HOUSE ON 3RD ST. B+B. Parlor floor thru apt. Sleeps 4. Wi-fi, kitchenette, deck, 12' ceilings, private bath. Visit our website, houseon3st.com, or call us, 718-788-7171. Enjoy modern comfort in true Park Slope style. Grandparents are our specialty!

Large sunny room with en suite bath, in home with old-fashioned charm and modern amenities. near Q, B, 3 trains. Call Margaret at 718-622-2897.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

ATTORNEY—Personal Injury Emphasis—36 years experience in all aspects of injury law. Individual attention provided for entire case. Free phone or office consultations. Prompt, courteous communications. 24-year Park Slope Food Coop member; Park Slope resident; downtown Brooklyn office. Tom Guccione, 718-596-4184, also at www.tguccione.law.com.

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HAIRCUTS, HAIRCUTS, HAIRCUTS. Color, highlights, lowlights, perms, hot oil treatments. In the convenience of your home or mine. Kids cut \$20-25. Adults \$35-40. Leonora 718-857-2215.

MADISON AVENUE HAIRCUTTER is right around the corner from the Food Coop, so if you would like

a really good haircut at a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154. I charge \$60.

SERVICES-HEALTH

Teens and Self-esteem group forming. Teenage girls and boys frequently have lots of self-esteem issues. Pressures on them seem to be larger than in previous generations. Issues with appearance, weight, academic and social problems are very common and groups can be a great way for them to meet and talk and address these issues. Call G. Ness, LCSW, 718-789-6739.

VACATION RENTALS

Amazing, totally private, light filled country house on 16 acres by Berkshires. Near skiing, hiking, restaurants. Sleeps 9. All amenities, wifi, w/d, d/w. To see pix go to vrbo.com/263517. Spec. for President's wk \$1525 instead of \$1725. E-mail Deirdre for more info deirdref@mindspring.com. Avail other dates as well.

To Submit Classified or Display Ads:

Ads may be placed on behalf of Coop members only. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, display ads at \$30. (Classified ads in the "Merchandise-Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2" x 3.5" horizontal).

Submission forms are available in a wallpocket near the elevator in the entrance lobby.

Math Tutor

I am a NYS-certified/NYC-licensed math teacher with 23 years experience. I provide clear, precise explanations to develop problem-solving skills, while building confidence and ease in the world of math. I have successfully tutored students for Regents, SAT, GRE and all school levels. For remediation or enrichment, traditional or common-core, call David Cohen at 917.679.5193 or go to www.mathtutor.nyc for more information

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BLIZZARD AT THE FOOD COOP

The Park Slope Food Coop cleaned its sidewalk by 8 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27, after the nighttime blizzard. General Coordinator Janet Schumacher took some photos.

EXPERIENCED REPORTERS
Please Apply

Workslot Description

We have four distinct *Linewaiters' Gazette* teams—each producing an issue every eight weeks. You will develop and produce an article about the Coop in cooperation with your team's editor every eight weeks.

For More Information

If you would like to speak to an editor or another reporter to learn more about the job, please contact Annette Laskaris in the Membership Office or e-mail her at annette_laskaris@psfc.coop.

To Apply

Please send a letter of application and two writing samples at least 800 words long (one sample must be a reported interview, not a Q&A) to annette_laskaris@psfc.coop. Your letter should state your qualifications, your Coop history, relevant experience and why you would like to report for the Coop. Your application will be acknowledged and forwarded to the coordinating editors, Joan Minieri and Erik Lewis.

Seeking Diversity on the Gazette Staff

The *Gazette* is looking for qualified reporters. We are interested in using this opportunity to diversify our staff. We believe that we can enrich the quality of the *Gazette* and serve the membership better with a reporting and editing staff that more closely resembles the mix of Coop members.

☆ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ☆

RECEIVING PRODUCE

Monday-Friday, 5 to 7:30 a.m.

The Coop is looking for members to work in the produce area. Responsibilities include: lifting boxes, unloading deliveries, stacking boxes in the basement. You should be willing to get or have wet hands while you are working. Boxes usually weigh between 2-20 lbs., a few may weigh up to 50 lbs.

OFFICE SET-UP

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.

Need an early riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana or Cynthia in the Membership Office for more information.

STORE EQUIPMENT CLEANING

Monday, Wednesday, 6 to 8 a.m.

The Coop is looking for members to clean the checkout area of the store. It entails cleaning the scales at each checkout and vacuuming around the base of the checkout station as well as sweeping and occasionally mopping. You will work under the supervision of a staff person.

ENTRANCE DESK

Wednesday, Friday 5:45 to 8 a.m.

Supervised by Membership Coordinators, you will be staffing the Entrance desk in hours of the weekday before the Coop is open to shoppers. Primarily you will be checking in working members, informing them of their member and household status, and handing out entrance desk slips to members who need them. Entrance workers provide an essential member service and must be welcoming, polite, able to read and interpret information on the entrance desk screen, able to clearly convey information about member status directly to members. Entrance workers also provide a key security function, and must remain alert throughout the shift, which may have slow periods. Therefore reading, writing, talking on the phone, texting, etc. is not allowed. Punctuality and good attendance will be essential, as you will be the only

Entrance worker scheduled at this time of day. Paid Membership Coordinators will be present to train you on your first (and second) shift, and then to support you and answer questions going forward.

BATHROOM CLEANING

Friday, 12 to 2 p.m.

Work with a partner to deep clean the Coop's bathrooms. Tasks include scrubbing floor tiles, cleaning toilets, mopping floors and stocking the bathrooms. You will work with only natural cleaning products. This job is perfect for members who like to clean and are conscientious about doing a thorough job.

LAUNDRY AND TOY CLEANING

Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

This workslot has two responsibilities. You will load laundry into dryer, fold it and redistribute it around the Coop. While the laundry is washing/drying, you will clean toys in the childcare room. You will be working with a partner on these tasks. Please contact Annette or Jana in the Membership Office for further information.

CHECK OFFICE SUPPLIES

Thursday, 8:30 to 11 p.m.

This workslot is responsible for restocking supplies at desks in all offices on the Coop's second floor, at checkout lanes, entrance desks and the cashier stations. Some light maintenance, such as light cleaning of desktops and phones, is another task. This is a task and detailed-oriented job, ideal for someone who likes working independently and is pro-active. Please speak to Alex in the Membership Office or contact him at alex_marquez@psfc.coop if you are interested.

GENERAL MEETING SET-UP

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

Adaptable, physically energetic, team workers with excellent attendance needed to help set up and break down the space where the General Meeting is held. Contact Adriana Becerra, Membership Coordinator, adriana_becerra@psfc.coop.



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